

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

16562

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/23/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/23/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Sec. 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

13. Effective Date

09/26/2003

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$19,000.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$6,000.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee advises Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Monument) managers on science and management issues and the achievement of the objectives set forth in the Monument Management Plan published in November 1999 and effective in February 2000. Monument managers evaluate all Committee recommendations and are responsible for making final decisions. The Committee develops recommendations for the Monument on issues pertaining to science and other management issues and the achievement of objectives set forth in the Monument Management Plan, through the use of available resources, including their personal knowledge and experience, published and unpublished information from the scientific community, and discussions with Monument staff.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee is comprised of 15 voting members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, from the following broad spectrum of interests to ensure balanced membership: archaeology, paleontology, geology, botany, wildlife biology, history, social science, systems ecology, Garfield and Kane Counties, tribal government, education, environment, commercial recreation, and grazing. Members are qualified through education, training, knowledge, or experience to give informed and objective advice regarding planning, cultural resource protection and management, natural resource management, or economic development.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The meetings are usually conducted at least twice a year and up to four times a year. During the meetings, the Committee is briefed on current and on-going projects and concerns by Monument leadership. Members provide ideas and recommendations regarding those projects/concerns as appropriate. The Committee also serves as a crucial link between the different publics represented by the members and Monument leadership.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Approved Management Plan and Record of Decision, published November 1999 and effective February 2000, requires the establishment of a FACA-chartered advisory committee to advise Monument managers

on science issues and the achievement of Management Plan objectives. This Committee serves solely in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to Monument management, who are responsible for making all final decisions. There needs to be long-term planning for the future management of this National Monument. This cannot be achieved through a public meeting or a series of public meetings. There must be a continuity of individuals, working together as advisors, to ensure a collective effort and appropriate level of citizen-based advice regarding management objectives and plans for the Monument.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The MAC did not meet in FY18.

Designated Federal Officer

Cynthia Staszak Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Chynoweth, Link	12/07/2015	12/07/2018	Rancher	Representative Member
Clayson, Calvin	08/02/2011	05/27/2019	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Heaton, Kevin	12/07/2015	12/07/2018	State of Utah	Representative Member
Howard, Julie	05/27/2016	05/27/2019	Archaeologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Irmis, Randall	12/07/2015	12/07/2018	Paleontologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pollock, Leland	05/27/2016	05/27/2019	Elected Official	Representative Member
Reagan, Douglas	12/07/2015	12/07/2018	Systems Ecologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thompson, Wesley	05/27/2016	05/27/2019	Geologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Timican, Ganaver	05/27/2016	05/27/2019	Cultural Preservation Director	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

This Committee was established to advise Monument managers on science issues and the achievement of Management Plan objectives. The Committee does this through participation in the adaptive management program. The Committee reviews evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team (comprised of the Assistant Monument Managers for Biological Sciences, Cultural and Earth Sciences, and Visitor Services) and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives. The Committee reviews appropriate research proposals and makes recommendations on project necessity and validity, and makes recommendations regarding the allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process. It is also consulted on issues such as protocols for specific projects (i.e., vegetation restoration methods) or

standards for excavation and curation of artifacts and objects. The MAC did not meet in FY18.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

7

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee submitted recommendations to support the Monument seeking International Dark Sky Sanctuary recognition; and to support the Skutumpah Terrace Greater Sage Grouse Habitat Restoration Project. Committee members also provided comments during the Monument's Livestock Grazing Management Plan amendment and EIS preliminary draft alternative public comment period.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

These recommendations are included in the project files.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

All recommendations have been implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM provides feedback via email, and face-to-face meetings with the members and interested public.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other

**Access Comments**

N/A